ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE CONSTITUTION OF A COMMITTEE FOR THE CONTROL OF YARN SUPPLIES.

President : Order, order. As there has been a certain amount of difficulty experienced in the State, by reason of the deficiency in the supply of yarn to the weavers, and as elsewhere and in this House great anxiety was expressed with regard to such supplies of yarn especially in view of the coming Onam celebrations and functions connected with it, Government have been anxiously trying to make such arrangements as would prevent such difficulties and to provide for all contingencies. On account of the ready helpfulness of Mr. Doak of the Harvey Mills and the negotiating skill of Dr. Parameswaran, I am in a position to tell this honourable House and through this House the public at large that we shall be in a position to have control over 200 bales immediately before the 1st of September which will meet some urgent Onam requirements. From the 1st of September, we shall get at least 300 bales in addition to the bales now being supplied to the State. Over and above this, Government have also made arrangements from places outside the Madras Presidency and we are in a position to say that we shall get immediately another 200 bales so that, practically, it may be said that the rush for yarn will not be as acute or as intense as before. All this is on the assumption that the Railways will send up these bales quickly enough in order to meet our requirements. And, Government have come to the conclusion that this amount of yarn should be distributed without any chance of monopolies being created or any chance of inequitable or partial distribution. They are anxious not to interfere with the ordinary course of trade and they will allow the ordinary media of trade to operate, namely, the agents and sub-agents. But in order to see that their operations are conducted in the best possible manner, Government have decided to constitute a committee composed of Dr. Parameswaran, the Inspector-General of Police and the Director of Industries who will go into the question of the distribution of yarn through the present agencies so long as those agencies operate equitably. If they do not so operate, Government will make their own arrangements for distribution if it becomes necessary. But Government are anxious to emphasise that they do not want to dislocate the ordinary trade and will therefore first experiment with the agency now available in the country.

VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—(*contd.*)

President : The honourable members were telling me yesterday that some of them have not got copies of the Police Department Administration Report. Now that the report is available, I would like to know whether the House would discuss the Education Demand first or the Police Demand ? I am in the hands of the House.

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Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai (*Quilon* cum *Kunnattur*): Sir, we would like to deal with the Education Demand first.

(*The House assented to this proposition.*)

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: I would suggest that the Education Demand and the Demand in respect of the Uplift of Backward Communities be discussed together. Could that be possible?

President: I am entirely in the hands of the House.

(*The House assented to this proposition.*)

President: Both the Director of Public Instruction and the Chief Secretary may move their respective Demands, Nos. 19 & 23.

DEMAND XIX—EDUCATION EXCLUDING TRAVANCORE UNIVERSITY.

Mr. A. Gopala Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 43,14,901 under

DEMAND XIX—EDUCATION EXCLUDING TRAVANCORE UNIVERSITY.

UPLIFT OF BACKWARD COMMUNITIES.

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 47,540 under Demand XXIII—Uplift of Backward Communities.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: I support the motion and in doing so, I wish to make a few suggestions. The first is with regard to the recent circular issued by the Director of Public Instruction about the five eighty-page note books that are to be used by the students. It appears that the Director is insisting on the desirability of acting up to that instruction, and I am at a loss to know the reason for that. Sir, on a reading of the circular, it leads to some misconception. It is, whether the Director intends that only five note books of eighty pages type alone should be used by a student for the whole year, or, is it whether that five note books alone should be seen in the hands of a student at a time? This has been mis-interpreted by many of the teachers. Some teachers say and also insist that for the whole year, a student should be called upon to purchase only five note books of eighty pages. To avoid difficulties, some of them advise students to have only loose sheets in their hands so that they may not be caught hold of by the departmental officers for having more notebooks than prescribed by the circular. I want that point to be made clear by the Director of Public Instruction and what he intends by that circular. So far as I am concerned, I feel that, as the manager of an institution, five note books of eighty pages are quite inadequate for a student. Sir, for Mathematics alone, I find that a boy must have at least a 400 pages notebook for a year.

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